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Mr. Frederick D. Fox  
Director, Environmental Affairs  
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RE: Stormwater/Snowmelt Management Plan;  
Zone 1 Reservoir; Ground Water Discharge  
Permit UGW350006, Construction Permit  
dated January 26, 1992

Dear Mr. Fox;

We have reviewed your letter dated March 30, 1993 regarding Kennecott's plans to handle snowmelt runoff during the spring of 1993. The approach proposed and the sequence of contingency options appear reasonable given the set of circumstances Kennecott faces this spring.

The incomplete construction of the Zone 1 Reservoir continues to be a serious concern to us that will hopefully be addressed with completion of construction in the very near future. Our hope is that neither the Zone 1 nor Zone 2 compartments will need to be used to contain snowmelt runoff.

While we will certainly use some discretion in this instance, please be aware that what Kennecott is proposing is contrary to the requirements in both the Construction Permit and the Ground Water Discharge Permit for prior approval before placing the facilities into operation. Certainly in an emergency situation, action would need to be taken to mitigate the effects of an instance of non-compliance and what you are proposing may be the prudent thing to do. Since it appears that the contingency plan would not conform to all of the permitted requirements, we are limited in what approvals we can extend to you.

Sincerely,

Don A. Ostler, P.E.  
Director

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cc: Terry Sadler, Salt Lake City/County Health Dept.  
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